

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Larson for the indication that Claims 11-19, 23, 25, 29 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By way of this Amendment, Claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 11, Claim 20 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 23, and Claim 28 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 29. In addition, Claims 11, 23 and 29 have been canceled. Further, the dependency of Claims 12-17 and 19 has been changed.

In addition, new Claims 38-50 are presented for consideration. New independent Claim 38 sets forth the subject matter previously set forth in Claims 20 and 25, while new independent Claim 46 sets forth the subject matter previously set forth in Claims 28 and 30. New dependent Claims 39-45 depend from allowable independent Claim 38 and correspond to Claims 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 34 and 35, respectively. Also, new dependent Claims 47-50 depend from allowable independent Claim 46 and correspond to Claims 31, 32, 36 and 37, respectively.

The dependency of Claim 33 has also been changed so that such claim depends from allowable independent Claim 7.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 24 set forth at the bottom of page three of the Official Action, in light of the amendment to Claim 20 adding the subject matter recited in Claim 23, antecedent basis now exists for the recitation of "the openings" in Claim 24. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C § 112 is respectfully requested.

As a final point, it is noted that the previous Amendment filed on October 28, 2005 included the addition of new Claims 33-37. These new claims were apparently overlooked as they were not addressed in the most recent Official Action. In light of the allowable nature of all of the claims in this application, such oversight need not be addressed.

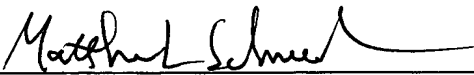
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in this application are allowable. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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